

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MR.
ALBERT "ALLIE" J. ALLMAN

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a close personal friend of mine, Mr. Albert "Allie" J. Allman, Jr. I have been fortunate to call Allie my friend for more than 30 years. Over his lifetime, he has dedicated himself to working for the benefit of his country, the State of Ohio and the Tiffin community.

His volunteerism began in 1943 as a Navy serviceman, and has continued in various political, social and service organizations including the City Council, the Park Board, the Betty Jane Rehabilitation Center, the Cerebral Palsy Committee, the Elks, the Sierra Club, and as a Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

While serving as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in 1955, he aided in forming Tiffin's first industrial and economic development corporation, and in acquiring land for the Seneca County Airport and Riverview Inn Complex. From 1952 through 1961, Allie was the Director of the Community Chest, which was a forerunner of the United Way.

Although he is semi-retired after 22 years as a claims manager of United Insurance Company, Allie is still active in politics. Allie is well respected by many public officials throughout Ohio because of his ability to work with all people and see all sides of a situation.

Allie is currently secretary of the Seniors And Lawman Together (S.A.L.T.) Council, which he helped form. This organization unites seniors and law enforcement officers in working together for a safer community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Allie for his years of service to the Tiffin community and the State of Ohio. I want to also wish my dear friend, his wife Jane, their five children and their seven grandchildren all the best in their future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH RITTER
PLOTZ-PIERCE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deborah Ritter Plotz-Pierce for a lifetime of educating and inspiring New York City students. A group of her most dedicated fans, students in her sixth grade class of 1963-64, will be gathering on Sunday, October 7th to thank her for the significant role she played in shaping their lives. In the words of one of her students, she sparked the imagination of her students to "achieve, accomplish, reach and claim their place in the American Dream."

After graduating from Brooklyn College, Deborah Plotz-Pierce began a career that would impact the lives of countless students.

From 1958 to 1965, she worked at PS 213 in the East New York section of Brooklyn, where she was assigned to work with gifted and talented students and their parents. After marrying Milton Plotz-Pierce and having her first child, she would begin a battle that would impact the lives of many women. After falling victim to the rules that governed pregnant New York City female teachers at that time, she filed a sexual discrimination complaint against the Board of Education. Over the course of the next four years, Mrs. Plotz-Pierce's case ascended to the Court of Appeals, whose decision led to the amendment of the New York City Maternity By-Laws to reflect greater gender equity. Her long-fought battle for equality in the system surely made a tangible and vital difference in the lives of a generation of New York City teachers.

After having her second child, she returned to the classroom, where she remained until her retirement in 1991. In 1992, Mrs. Plotz-Pierce was invited to join the teaching faculties of Touro College and the Education Department of City College. During the next seven years, she trained and mentored new teachers for the New York City Board of Education, passing her years of knowledge and experience on to the next generation.

Throughout a lifetime of learning, teaching, and mentoring, Deborah Ritter Plotz-Pierce has provided such inspiration to her students that they gather after 35 years to celebrate and thank her. She is truly a model educator, and I join her students in thanking her for a lifetime of dedication to the students of New York City.

SCHEDULE

HON. RICHARD K. ARMEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Monday, September 10 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to member's offices tomorrow. On Monday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 o'clock p.m.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider H.R. 2586, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

Mr. Speaker, the International Relations Committee has had under consideration today H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act of 2001. The Agriculture Committee completed its consideration of the bill prior to the Summer District Work Period. As we move into next week, we will also be taking a look at this important piece of legislation as a possibility for consideration on the floor.

One final note, Mr. Speaker: Next week will be our only full week of legislative business in the House during the month of September due to the Jewish holidays that fall in the later half

of the month. After consultation with Minority Leader GEPHARDT, I released an updated September schedule to all members last month detailing the House's schedule during the Jewish holidays. If members have any questions regarding the September schedule, they should feel free to contact my floor office for more information at any time.

TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR HARVEY
"JERRY" CLAREMONT

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts in celebrating the nomination of Doctor Harvey "Jerry" Claremont as the 2001 "Spirit of Shrewsbury" Grand Marshall. For many years, Dr. Claremont has been a distinguished member of the Shrewsbury community, thanks to his countless efforts to help the less fortunate.

Dr. Claremont and his wife, Anne Marie Pelletier, have long given of their time. Over the past twenty years, his family has adopted seven Korean children into their home. In addition, over thirty children have stayed with the family while they have been in this country receiving medical treatment. Dr. Claremont worked for twenty-seven years as a general and vascular surgeon while recruiting volunteers and founding Children's HealthCare and Nutritional Goals Through Education. That group has sent volunteers to developing countries in order to see patients, perform operations, and deliver medical supplies. Dr. Claremont was instrumental in creating a free medical clinic in the town of Shrewsbury that is responsible for helping uninsured patients.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I acknowledge the outstanding work of Dr. Harvey Claremont. I congratulate him, and wish the town of Shrewsbury the best of luck on the 2001 Spirit of Shrewsbury Celebration.

REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this bill and would like to commend Chairman COBLE and Ranking Member BERMAN for bringing it to the full House. The State Justice Institute was established as a non-profit corporation in 1984 to award grants to improve the quality of justice in State courts and develop new and efficient solutions to problems faced by all courts.

Unfortunately, Congress has not conducted oversight over the Institute in approximately 15 years, so we have no information about how it is functioning. This bill solves that problem by requiring the Attorney General to submit a

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report to Congress on how the Institute is functioning and how successful its grants have been in improving the quality of judicial education. Once that report is received, Congress can better oversee the Institute and determine what resources it needs.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE
FIVE MILLION HOUR SAFETY
MILESTONE ACHIEVED AT THE
DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER
STATION OAK HARBOR, OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to express congratulations to employees of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station for having achieved a significant safety milestone. On August 9, 2001 the employees of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station will have worked five million hours without a lost-time accident.

As the first nuclear power plant in Ohio, the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, since beginning operation in 1977, has generated more than 110 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, enough power to supply about 20 million homes with electricity for an entire year. The plant produces enough electricity to meet the demand of about half the people in north-west Ohio.

Not only have Davis-Besse employees operated the plant reliably, they have observed the highest standards of safety, as well. So, again, it is my pleasure to recognize this important safety milestone. Five million hours without a lost-time accident means that, for more than three years, no employee has missed work due to a work-related illness or accident.

Employees and managers at Davis-Besse have been able to achieve this and other milestones by paying close attention to detail and striving for excellence in even minor daily activities. Because of this operating philosophy, Davis-Besse has been recognized within the nuclear industry as a top performing plant.

In addition to being an important power producer, the plant also is an important asset to the local community. It is one of the largest local employers, conducts business with more than 800 other businesses in Ohio and is a strong supporter of such causes as United Way, Ohio Reads, Boy Scouts of America, numerous wildlife and environmental organizations, and other charities.

The economy of Ohio, and the country, is driven in part by safe, reliable energy, particularly electricity. The Davis-Besse plant has proved itself a valuable asset in meeting our energy needs. And I ask all of my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in recognizing the excellent work of the employees at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING WILLIAM GREEN

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated himself to improving housing opportunities for people throughout Bergen County. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William Green of River Vale, New Jersey, this year's chairperson of the Community Housing in Partnership's (CHIP) Golf Invitational.

As the Chairperson of this year's tournament, Bill has worked long hours to make the CHIP Golf Invitational an enjoyable experience for participants, as well as raise funds to develop affordable housing in Bergen County. It is a testament to his dedication that Bill has balanced this responsibility with his busy full-time job as a Senior Vice President at MetLife.

Bill's work at CHIP will help change the lives of so many in our community by developing affordable housing. Thanks to CHIP, independent living options now exist for working low-income families, senior citizens, recovering alcoholics, and formerly homeless individuals. And CHIP has teamed up with the Bergen County Community Action Program to provide supportive services, as well.

People who give so much of themselves, as Bill Green, do not do so for the recognition. However, he certainly deserves to receive it.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Bill Green as well as his wife Susan and their daughters Katie and Emily, for all their hard work, dedication and generosity on behalf of CHIP, and wish them health and much happiness in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 233. On a day when President Fox makes his first official visit to Washington, I cannot think of a better day to honor and recognize the importance of our relationship with our neighbor to the south, Mexico.

The ties that bind our nations together span the course of hundreds of years. From a confrontational beginning to a cooperative future the United States and Mexico will always have a special connection.

The election of President Fox represented a remarkable day in the history of Mexico. On this day, Mexico cast aside 71 years of single party rule and officially joined the community of democratic nations. It is my sincere hope that this smooth and peaceful transition of governments becomes the model for the future of Mexico.

In the realm of trade, over 80% of all Mexican exports are sent to the United States, and

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nearly three-quarters of its imports come from the United States. Though our financial interaction is an important component, this relationship is not solely based on economics. With millions of people of Mexican descent living in cities throughout the United States, Mexican culture, cuisine, and music have become pervasive in American society.

In my own district in Queens, New York, the Mexican population has been the fastest growing immigrant group. It always amazes me to watch the development of these men, women and children as they work tirelessly to succeed in the United States. Despite their presence in the United States, the homeland is never forgotten. The connection to their roots and family in Mexico remains strong each and every day. The Mexican community is truly a credit to the American economy, American culture and American values.

This is why I support President Vicente Fox's effort to create a new immigration policy between the U.S. and Mexico which unites families separated by U.S. immigration law and provides the American economy with critical employees through the guest visa program.

Through NAFTA and geography, our countries are connected and our economies are linked. By helping our neighbors to the south, we are helping our own country grow and prosper in the 21st century.

It is these unique circumstances, which makes our relationship with Mexico so important. I look forward to working closely with President Fox and Mexican Parliamentarians on issues of mutual interest in the years to come.

DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL
NEW QUESTIONS OF PATENT-
ABILITY IN REEXAMINATION
PROCEEDINGS

SPEECH OF

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Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of this bill and would like to commend Chairman COBLE and Ranking Member BERMAN for acting on this issue because our patent system is in need of repair. Specifically, the reexamination process—which lets parties bring challenges to patents that have been issued—may not be functioning as planned because of the substantive and procedural limits involved. As a result, applications that should not receive patents not only receive them, but keep them after a review process.

One reason for this is that the Federal Circuit ruled in a 1997 case called *In re Portola Packaging* that the PTO could not, in reexamination, revisit patents and publications it had before it during the initial examination process. This ruling basically nullified the reexamination process and has prevented examiners from reviewing patents carefully. It is understandable why, at a recent hearing on this topic, the opinion of our witnesses on the need to reverse this ruling was unanimous.

Fortunately, the Chairman and Ranking Member were able to work with numerous patent experts on how to resolve this issue. At